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* 326 *Q.*—MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the Official Proceedings *.

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* 327. *Q*—SRI SRI C. MUTHIAH : கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 1956–57, 1957–58-ல் தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவிற்கு உரத்திற்காக அளிக்கப்பட்டக் கடன் தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

(ஆ) எவ்வளவு செலவு செய்யப்பட்டது ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The amounts allotted to the Tanjore district for the purchase of chemical fertilisers in 1956–57 and 1957–58 are Rs. 17·55 lakhs and Rs. 20·90 lakhs respectively.

(*b*) The amounts spent are Rs. 17·21 lakhs and Rs. 20·83 lakhs for the two years.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, we wanted to concentrate on Question No. 326. We thought that the hon. Member who had given notice of the question was present in the House and he would put the question. We were not aware that he had left the House and was absent at the time the Hon. Speaker called that question. If only we were aware that he was absent, someone of us would have put the question on his behalf. So, I request that the Hon. Speaker may be pleased to take up that question now.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has already answered the next question, viz., question No. 327 and he is going to answer question No. 328 also.

(At this stage Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar entered the House.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, the hon. Member who has given notice of the question, Sri Sattanatha Karayalar has also come back. So, I request you to take up question No. 326 now, as it is on a very important subject and so many of us are anxious to put supplementaries on it.

MR. SPEAKER : I agree. But the Hon. Minister has gone to the next question. Let us finish consideration of the next question and then take up question No. 326 as requested by the hon. Member.

As question No. 328 and question No. 351 relate to the same subject, I suggest we may take them up together.

* 328 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to give greater amount of loan and grant to the agriculturists to get chemical manure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

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